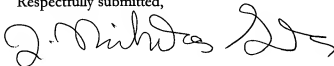


REMARKS

Claims 208 - 297 are pending. Applicants have simply renumbered the claims at the request of the Examiner to facilitate review of the present application. No new matter has been added. The claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons set out in the prior amendment and response.

Should the Examiner believe it that it would be helpful to discuss any of the above points in person, Applicant is open to a telephone conference (415-551-8298) at any convenient time.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: January 21, 2003

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service, postage prepaid, to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, this 21st of January 2003